

FWP Region 6 54078 Hwy 2 W Glasgow, MT 59230

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Dear Interested Party:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is proposing to extend the grazing lease on the Fresno Reservoir Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for six years, starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and ending December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The current grazing system would be modified to include adjacent private and leased lands into the grazing system. The modifications would reduce grazing pressure and provide additional periods of rest for pastures on the WMA. Grazing on the WMA would still be conducted using a rest-rotation grazing system.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) can be found on the on the FWP website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/">http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/</a>. A copy of the EA may also be obtained by contacting the FWP Havre Area Office at 405-265-6177 or by emailing <a href="mailto:shemmer@mt.gov">shemmer@mt.gov</a>.

The comment period for this proposal will start February 4<sup>th</sup> and run through 5:00 pm on March 5<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing will be held at the Hill County Electric Hospitality Room in Havre on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to provide information on the proposal and take public comment.

Please send all written comments to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Attn: Fresno Reservoir WMA Grazing Lease Extension 2165 Hwy 2 East Havre, MT 59501

Comments can also be submitted online or emailed to: <a href="mailto:shemmer@mt.gov">shemmer@mt.gov</a>

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Flowers Regional Supervisor

Montana, Fish Wildlife & Parks